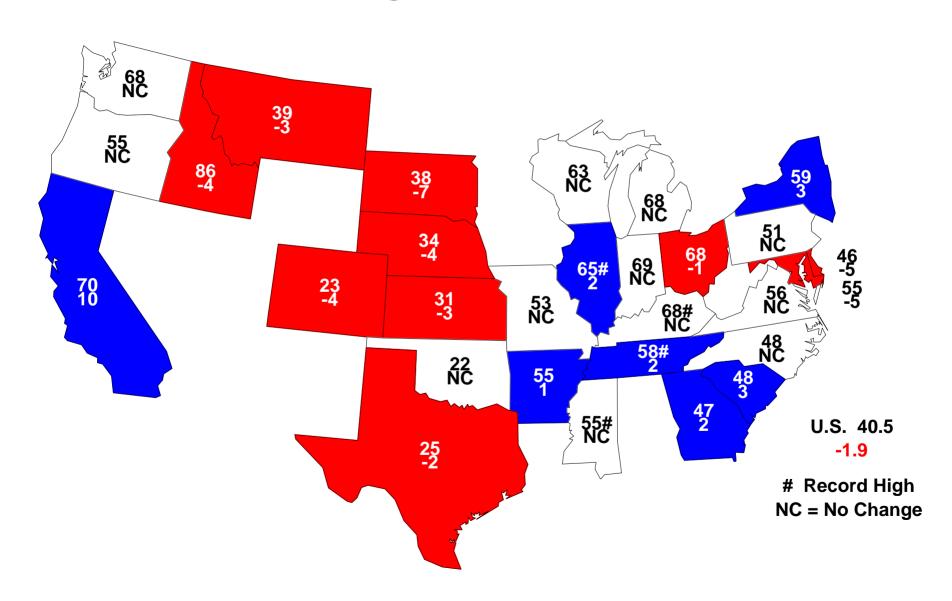


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Winter Wheat Yields, June 1, 2006 Bushels and Change From Previous Month





Winter Wheat June 1 Production Forecast

Production

- > 76 million bu
- > Down 18.5 million bu from 2005
- Due to lower yield & fewer harvested acres
- > Yield
- ➤ 2006 yield forecast 39 bu.
 - ➤ Down 3 bu from 2006 May 1 forecast
- ➤ 2005 yield 45 bu per acre
- ➤ 10 year average yield 35 bu.



Winter Wheat Production Forecast

Will know more

June Acreage - June 30

July 1 Yield Forecast - July 12





Crop Weather Report Week Ending June 11, 2006

- Crops look mostly good to excellent across the state
- Topsoil moisture conditions improved from last month with 63% adequate to 13% surplus
- Subsoil moisture conditions improved last month with 57% adequate to 3% surplus



Topsoil Moisture

Better than the last week & 5-year average

June 11, 2006	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg
Very short - short	24%	31%	5%	27%
Adequate	63%	66%	77%	65%
Surplus	13%	3%	18%	8%



June 11, 2006 Subsoil Moisture

Better than last week & 5-year average

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg
Very short - short	40%	44%	39%	56%
Adequate	57%	55%	56%	42%
Surplus	3%	1%	5%	2%



Crop Weather Report Week Ending June 11, 2006

- Winter wheat conditions better than the 5 year average
- Winter wheat crop progress way ahead of last year with most of the crop in boot and over half of the crop headed
- Warm, windy weather increased crop maturity



Winter Wheat Crop Condition Improves!

Better than last week & 5-year avg.

June 11, 2006	Very poor- Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	11%	35%	33%	21%
Last week	13%	48%	30%	9%
Last year	11%	32%	40%	17%
5-yr avg	31%	29%	29%	11%



Spring Wheat Condition Mostly Good!

Better than last week & 5-year avg.

June 11, 2006	Very poor- Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	3%	28%	60%	9%
Last week	5%	27%	62%	6%
Last year	3%	20%	63%	14%
5-yr avg	9%	30%	53%	8%



Barley Condition

Ahead of last year and 5-year avg.

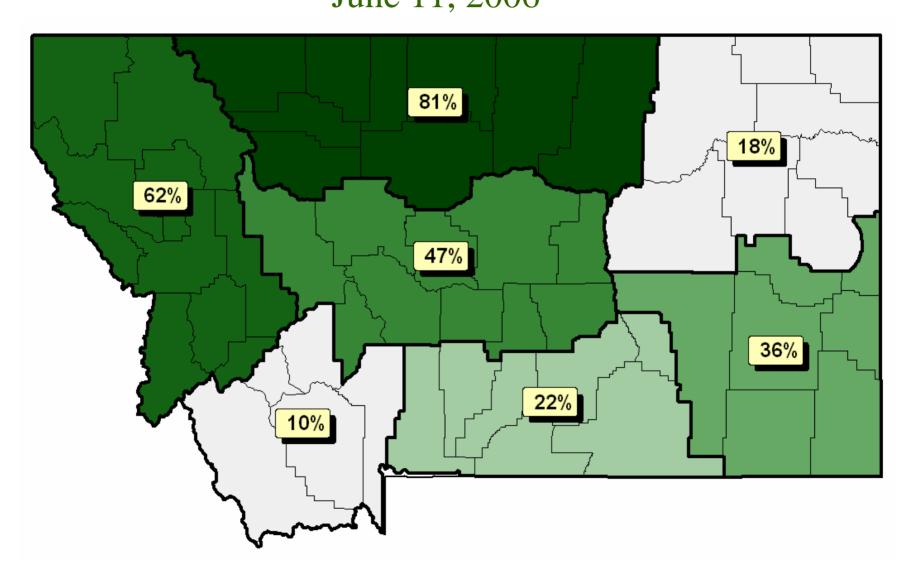
June 11, 2006	Very poor- Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	3%	27%	54%	16%
Last week	2%	39%	47%	12%
Last year	1%	20%	63%	16%
5-yr ave	9%	30%	53%	8%



Crop Progress Way Ahead!

	This	Last	Last	5-yr
June 11, 2006	week	week	year	ave
Winter wheat				
boot	93%	80%	76%	68%
headed	67%	23%	25%	26%
Durum wheat				
planted	97%	94%	99%	89%
emerged	92%	77%	92%	60%
boot	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a
June 19, 2006				

Winter Wheat Percent Headed by District June 11, 2006



Crop Progress Percent

June 11, 2006	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr ave
Spring wheat	Woon	Wook	your	
boot	12%	3%	16%	9%
Barley				
emerged	98%	93%	98%	96%
boot	11%	7%	10%	10%
Oats				
emerged	99%	91%	93%	91%
boot	14%	n/a	n/a	n/a

June 19, 2006



Hay – First Cutting Off to a fast start

June 11, 2006	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr ave
Alfalfa Hay	9%	n/a	1%	5%
Other Hay	3%	n/a	1%	3%



Livestock Grazing

- Pasture and range conditions improved
- 95% of cattle & 93% of the sheep have moved to summer ranges



Range & Pasture Condition Improves!

Ahead of last year & 5-year average

	This	Last	Last	5-yr avg
	week	week	year	
Very poor-	11%	8%	11%	31%
poor				
Fair	23%	34%	30%	32%
Good	43%	48%	45%	29%
Excellent	23%	10%	13%	8%





